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Lessons in Practical Writing UZ az



BY D. T AMES

"It must have been a special gift" is a conmon observation when an unusual degree or skill is displayed in the use of the pen. This iden is not only fallacious, but is exceedingly perficious as regards the acquisition of good writing inasmuch as it tends to discourage pupils who write badly by leading them to be lieve that, not having "the gift" they are deburred from becoming good writers.

Good writing is no more a gift than is good reading, spelling, grammar or any other attain-

usiness Cards limited to three lines will be inserted ment, and in the same way it is, and can be has column, one year for \$1.50 acquired, viz.; by patient and studious effort, Writing is just as much a subject for sandy

and thought as any other branch of education Study must, however, be united with practice The correct form and construction of writing must be learned by study, while practice must give the manaul dexterity for its easy and grace ful execution. Many persons fail to become good writers from not properly uniting study and practice. Careful study with too little practice will give writing comparatively accu rate in its form and manner of construction but labored, stiff and awkward in its execution while moon the other hand much practice with little study imparts a more easy and flow ing style, but with much less accuracy as re rds the forms of the letters and general p portion and construction of the writing, which will commonly have a loose and sprawly appearance. Example of writing which has realted more from study than practice.

Studwaires form

de of Widting in more practice than study.

Tractice givezgráce

Writing, the result of study properly bined with practice

Study combined with Leadice gives grace and perfection

Undoubtedly many of our class will see forcibly illustrated in one of these examples their own experience; so manifest is the effect of these different modes of practice, that we have only to glance at a piece of writing to discern the extent to which a writer has combined study with practice while learning to write

We have in previous lessons considered position, movement, unity of form, correct proportion and spacing, as the essentials to of writing. We shall now direct special attention to a correct and uniturn slope as another essential to good writing,

The degree of slope now adopted by the leading authors and one of 52" from the horizontal, as

The relative effects of correct and incorrect slope may be seen in the following examples.

lung The variation in the slope of different letter

and their parts will be rendered much more perceptible by drawing straight extended linethrough their parts thus

One of the most common faults in slope occurs on the last part of letters m, n, u, h, p, which are made thus :

mnuhh

In practicing the present copy let special attention be given to the observation and correction of these faults.

Exercise to be practiced for movement

VOUDORONO

While we invite special attention to certain faults in connection with each lesson we, by no means, would have any one lose sight of any of those previously mentioned.

COPY FOR PRACTICE 79 Grammar

lwing to an unfortunate mistake by which he main cut in the following illustrations was inverted upside down, and several thousand emics of the January number printed before the mistake was discovered, we here repeat this notion of that lesson

Much care should be exercised while practicing to employ the proper curve for connecting lettes and their parts. It is a very common and gievous fault in writing that a straight line or th wrong curve is employed in the construction an connection of letters, thus leaving them witout distinctive character, or imparting one which is false and misleading. As for instance a from made thus ff is really un letter, but

ma he taken for an 121 a 111

ampossibly for a M. In cases where the

const does not determine, its identity becars a mere matter of guess, and when e tend thus 2111 its significance, as will be still more vague and unsouth is certa, as it might be intended for either of the follong seven combinations:

21 61: 11 271-37 27 1116 munite and

Withproperly trained hand no more time or effort required to impart the true and unmis takal characteristics to each letter than to makerus whose identity is open to doubt and conjene.

Ancient Writing.

That of writing is most ancient, and the account its origin lost in the distance of time. It is ear from bistory that it had its commander at a very early period in some regist the East, and from theme was carried into hants of the world. Many have supposent the knowledge of letters was given to make the control of the world. Bibliers us the earliest notice on the subject

Bibliers as the earliest notice on the subject that hyshere to be found.

Mu we are told, received the two tables of thereaut on Mount Smai, oritten with the fir of God; and before that, Moses himself—not ignorant of the use of letters.

We find the first mention made of writing in We find the first mention made of writing in Ecodes 17; 14. And the Lord scale unto Mose, "write this for a memorial in a book, and re-hearse it in the earst of Johns," etc. And in Exodus 24: 1, "and Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up carry in the morning and builded an alter under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel." Seventh verse: "and he took the book of the eovernal and read in the southers of the peo-ple." And they said: "All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient." Twelfth

one." And they said: "All that the Lord harb-said will we do, and be obviolent." Tselfith verse: "And the Lord said mnto Moses, come up to me into the Monta and the there, and I will give thee a table of store, and a law, and commandments which I have verifice, that thou mayers teach them."

Exodus 34. I. "And the Lord said onto Moses, her there in oather of stone like unto words that were in the first tables which thou breakest." Twenty-eighth verse: "And he was there on the Mount with the Lord forty days and forty nights, and he did neither can bread nor drink water, and he zorde upon the tables the words of the coverant, the ten command-ment."

ment."

The pen is first mentioned in the Bible in Job 19: 24. In Job's complaint of misery he says: "O, that my words were written, O, that they were printed in a book; that they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock

Forty-fifth Psalm, Ist verse, David in speak-Forty-Pith Psalm, 1st verse, David in speaking of the majesty and grace of Christ's kingdomsays: "My heart its inditing a good matter; I speak of the things which I have made touching the King; my tongue is the pen of a ready

writer."

Jeremish 17: 1. "The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of
a dimmed; it is graven upon the table of their
heart, and upon the horns of your alturs."
There is, therefore, much eason to believe
that the art of writing was understood among
the Jess while other nations were yet writhout
it, and that from them it has passed into all
out averagements, and has been handled down to time.

r own time.
The Romans practiced running hand as
the fourth century. The Greeks and Ro as the founds practiced running hand as early as the fourth century. The Greeks and Romans believed that the Phonicians were the inventors of letters, and that the knowledge of it was brought by Cadmus from Phonicia into Greece about 1500 B. C.

about 1500 B. C.

From the Phoenician, or the Hebrew, with which it is closely allied, are derived the Oriental alphabet used in Asia, written from right to left. The principal being the Syrne, Arabic and Phosics. and Persian,

and reessan.

The original Greek was first written from tight to left and then right to left and left to right consecutively. But inscriptions dated 712 B. C. were written from left to right, or in way now practised,

the way now practised.

One of the earliest methods of writing was to cut out the letters on tablets of stone. Another was to trace them on unbaked tiles or brick and then thoroughly burn them with fire to make them had and durable.

make them hard and durable.

Tablets on plates of lead or linass were employed when the writing was wanted to be most durable. Tablets of wood were most convenient—such was used by Zacharms when he named his our John. Linke [1-63]. And he arked for a writing table and wrote, saying his name is John. And they marveled all.

In some construct they covered these tables with wax and wrote on that. The instinnent

with wax and wrote on that. The instrument employed for making the letters on these tables

employed for making the letters on these tative was a small pointed piece of iron called a style; bence the term style of writing. Leaves and the bank of trees were early used for writing. From the thin films peeded off from the Egyptian retail Papyrine, which of both the ground retail of the purpose making to the purpose making the p

Gloth of linen and sometimes of cotton was another ancient material bor writing. The slaus of animals, also, were prepared for the purpose, About 20th years before Christ, the art of preparing them was brought to great perfection in the enty of Perganaus, where they received the name Perganaus, where they received the name Perganaus, and remains still in use. For writing on substances, a reed, formed into a pen, wa to trace the letters with ink of some sort

the fashion that is now common, or else they were painted with a small brush, as was proba-

were painted with a small brush, as was probably the general custom at first.

Books were written generally upon skins, lines, enton cloth, or payras; parchment, in picces, or leaves, were joined together so as to make a single sheet from the beginning to the end. This was then rolled round a stick, or if very long, two sticks, beginning at each end and rolling until they met in the middle. When any person watted to read, be unrolled I we rolled it up again. The lines were written in perpendicular columns like our present style. Hence, books of every size were called rolls. Our word rollmane means the same thing in its original signification. "Take thee a roll of a book and write therein all the world I have spoken unto thee against brack!"

The roll was usually written on one side, that which was given to Ezekiel, in vision, was written, both audith and orbifont. I looked, he. Ezekiel 1: 9, 10. "And when I looked not book and written, both audith and orbifont.

Ezekiel 1: 9, 10. "And when I looked, he. Ezekiel 1: 9, 10. "And when I looked, he. Ezekiel 1: 9, 10. "And when I looked, he. Ezekiel 1: 9, 10. "Executive and he, avoid of a book was therein; and he spread it before bly the general custom at first.

Ezekiel 1: 9, 10, "And when I looked, behold, a hand was sent muto me: and lo, a roll of a book was therein; and he spread it before me, and it was veritten within and without; and there was written therein lamentations and mourning, and woe."

From this account of the ancient books, it is

easy to understand how they might be scaled once or a number of times, so that a new scal might have to be opened, after reading a part before the reader could proceed to the re-

mainder.
Isaah 29: 11. "And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a hook that is
scaled, which men deliver to one that is learned,
saying, read this, I

pray thee; and saith, I cannot, for it is sealed."

Then we have the account of the book sealed with seven seals, which no man is worthy

Revelation 5: 1 2, 3. "And I saw in the right hand o him that sat on the throne, a book written within and or the back side, scal-ed with seven scals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice. who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seal thereof? And n thereof? And no man in heaven, nor man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon."

Letters were sen erally in the form or rolls, too They were, probably, as is the Eastern custom at present, sent tom at present, sent in most cases with-out being sealed, while those ad-dressed to persons of distinction were placed in a valuable purse or bag, wh was tied, and ti closed over with clay or wax, and

cay or wax, and stamped with the writer's signet.

The Roman Scrinium, or book-ease, is a box of cylindrical shape, the rolls are placed in this perpendicularly, with labels at the top containing the right. the title

Those among the Jews who were skillful in the use of the pen, were of considerable im-portance in society. They were distinguished portance in society. They were distinguished from other men by having an ink-horn tastened to their dist.

from other men by having an Ink-horn Instence to their gridle. Excised 9: 2: "And one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's ink-horn by his side. And the Lord soid unto him, go through the eight of derindent and set a main upon the forheads of all that sigh and erg." Bills of the side of

Second plotte of John, 12th verse: "Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink; but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full"— D. I. Musselman, in the Modern Argo.

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The New York Mercantile Review, for January, pays a high complinent to G. A. Gaskell, of derey Ciry, N. d., principal of the dereys Ciry and Manchester, (N. Il.), Business Colleges, and another of a compendition of practical pennan-high, and a recently published work on "Laws and Forms of Business and Society." Mr. Gaskell is one of our most enterprising business men and and another of the property of the prope and fame.

A. H. Himnan has opened a business college a Worcester, Mass. Mr. Himnan is a thorough an conscientions teacher, and will undoubtedly give full satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage,

Thos. Powers, who has for some years conducted the Fort Wayne, (Ind.), Business College, has sold his school to the proprietors of the Maumee Business College, of that city, which is conducted in connection with the Fort Wayne College, by the Rev. Addis Albro, M. S. Mr. conduc... College, by Albro is a thoroughly competent instructor and will undoubtedly build up a flourishing commer eigl institution

C. W. Robbins conducts a copartment in Christian University, Canton, Mo Mr. Robbins is an accomplished pennan.

P. R. Cleary is teaching large classes of wing in Michigan. He sends a club of filteen uni



J. B. Moon, Powder Springs, Ga., sends ver reditable specimens of practical writing an

(Buffalo, N. Y.), Business College, is an plished pennian and teacher of writing.

A numerous collection of well-written copy-slips and cards comes from L. W. Hallett, who is teaching writing classes in West Danby, N. Y.

Oscar Stephens, a student of the Joliet (Ill.) Business College, sends a good specimen of prac-tical business writing.

at Mitchell, Ind.

J. C. Miller, teacher of writing at Allen's Business College, Mansfield, Pa., incloses several slips of writing executed in a masterly manner. Mr. Miller is among our most accommanner. Mr. plished writers

a most exquisitely written letter. For simple case, grace and perfection his writing is not excelled.

W. S. Bowman, Lynn., Mass., incloses several uperior specimens of lettering executed with the Automatic Shading Pen. We have seen no rock of greater merit executed with these pens.



Norte ... Under this head we will endeavor to ans all questions of general interest to our readers, having a bearing upon any of the specialities of whith the Journach treats, and not personal or of the naturn an advertisement. Many questions fail to elicit sweet from one of these reasons.

J. B. R., Wheeling, W. Va.—Shaded writing for business purposes is not objectionable from the fact of its shade, but from its more difficult and correct execution, as compared with unshaded writing.

M H. W., Harrisburgh, Pa.—Four numbers H. W., Harrisburga, Pa.—rour numbers of the new Spencerian Compendium are by for sale. No. 5 will be ready in about a oth. All the numbers ready are mailed from office of the Journal at the publisher's price, the offi fill cents per number

M. E. B., Wilmington, Del., asks what are the pecial requisites for good basiness writing?

cl., a-ks what are the d business writing? First, the utmost simplicity and ac-curacy of form for all the letters. No all the letters. No superfluous lines of any character; all the letters propor-tionate and within their proper com-nass. These, unitpass. These, unit-ed with a graceful, rapid movement, will give good husi-ness writing.

F S. B., Salem N J., desires to know if blackboard practice will aid in obtaining a free movement. We think very little aid for the ordinary writing movement would be derived trom blackboard practice. Black-board-writing is ex-ecuted on a large scale, with a full scale, with sweep of the p of the whole while ordinary arm, while ordinary writing is exceuted on a scale so small as to employ only the fingers and forearm, with the arm at rest. These conditions are so dissimilar as to have very little in com-

A. C. W., Lon-dou, Ont.—The whole arm move-ment is not prac-tical for general use

in writing. should be used only where large capitals or writ-'should be used only where large capitals or writ-mag are required or are admissible, such as in mag are required or are admissible, such as in-termediate, super-registrate, etc. The force-plane of the area of the area of the area between the area of the area of the area of the theory of the area of the area of the area of the properties of the area of the area of the area of the properties of the area of th

D. W. J., Claveland, D., desires to Lucer if we do not favor teaching writing anylitically. Yes, most decidedly. But we would avoid so complicating our analysis as to render it, as some authors have done, more complex than is the writing itself. Most of the Issues given through the Jurtsaxt have been analytical. We have purposed separate from that method in the present posed separate from that method in the present posed separate from that method in the present course of small present course of small for forms will be followed by a course of smallytic feesoms. D. W. J., Cleveland, O., desires to know if we

Ferrls are things, and a small drop of link Falling like dew upon a thought, produces that which makes thousands, perhaps million

That who in mixes these-maks, perhaps unimous think.——Byton.—A rejud perman can write thirty words in a minute. Toke this he must draw his pas through a minute. Toke this he must draw his pas through the expose of a region of the first hand for the contract of the pass of the pass



H. T. Loomis, teacher of writing at Bryant's

A skillfully executed specimen of flourishing has been received from A. W. Dudley, teacher of writing in the Southern Indiana Normal College



The above cut was photo-engraved from a design flourished by Fieling Scoliald, teacher of pennian-hip, at Bryant, Stratton & Clark's Business College, Newark, N. J. Mr., Scolield ranks among our most skillful pennenard successful teachers.

for the Journal from his present class. He writes a very graceful hand

We return our thanks to Messes, Mille & Drake, proprietors of the N. J. Business Colge, Newark, N. J., for invitation to be present the graduating exercises of that institutio at Sewara, N. 3., an invarion to be processor the graduating exercises of that institute at Park Theater, on Jan. 19. Judging from be reports of the press, the exercises must two been very interesting and highly creditable. We regret that we were unable to attend.

1 S. Haines, who is teaching writing attaching Mich., is highly complimented 10 tess of that city for his line penmanshin successful teaching

C. F. Pool, principal of a select counseld school for Indies and gentlemen, or, Dittud Christian 88., Philadelphia, he sent acce and the manes of the popular school set, and the principal school set, and the principal school state, "I call my students that a good hunciti-ing combines the heartful with the dut, I have the school school school school school the I have been school schoo

We notice that Prof. V. N. Donelas, th We notice that Prof. S. N. Dougnas, trop-ular superintendent of penmanchip and ik-keeping in the Lockport Public Schools, v. a delegate to the Guand Chapter of the ral Arch Masons, recently in session at Albi-a compliment well bestowed—"Doug, as always a good boy.

H. C. Spencer, of the Spencerian Business College, Washington, D. C., favors us with a letter executed in genuine Spencerian style, which is all that need be said.

F. H. Banker, of Lawrence, Kas., incloses sev eral specimens of well execute and a specimen of flourishing of practical writing

C.B. Ward, now with G. A. Gaskell, Jersey ity, N. J., incloses several specimens of plain al tancy card writing which are very cred-data. stable.

Geo, Spencer, with the Northwestern Mutual Benefit Association, writes an elegant Spence-rum hand. Several slips which he incloses are soldem excelled.

S G, Snell, Cisco, Me, writes a very easy paceful band; the writing, however, lacks pro-

nith, teacher of writing at Moore's Business University, Atlanta, Ga, incloses in elegantly written letter several slips of sup-practical writing. W. H. Johnson, at Musselman's Business Col-

W. H. Johnson, at Musselman's Business Col-lege, Quincy, III, sends a club of seven names, and incloses a eard photograph of a very hand-some pen-drawing, entitled "Home, sweet Home."

Juseph Foeller, Jr., of Ashland, Pa , writes an

A. W. Woods, a student at Musselman's Bu ness College, Quincy, Ill., is not only a graceful writer, but an arrist of considerable skill as is evinced by photographs of two complicated specimens of pen-drawing which he incloses.

II. W. Flickinger, teacher of writing in the Union Business College, Phila., favors us with

THE PENMANS TART JOURNAL

THE IRON PEN.

Made from the fetter of Bonnivard, the prisoner of Chillon; the bandle of wood from the frigate, Consti-tion, and bound with a circlet of gold, inset with three precious stones from Siberia, Ceylon and Manne.

DY HENRY W. LONGFELLOW I thought this Pen would arise From the easket where it lies— Of itself would arise, and wr My thanks and my surprise,

When you gave it to me under the pines, I dreamed these gems from the mines Of Siberia, Ceylon and Maine Would glimmer as thoughts in the lines;

That this iron link from the chain Of Bonnivard might retain. Some verse of the Poet who sang Of the prisoner and his pain,

That this wood from the frigate Might write me a rhyme at last. As it used to write on the sky The song of the sea and the blass

bit motionless as I walt, ske a Bishop lying in state, Less the Pen with its mitre of gold, and its jewels inviolate.

Then must I speak, and say That the light of that summer day In the garden under the penes shall not lade and poss away

I shall see you standing there, Caressed by the fragrant air, With the shadow on your face, And the sunshine on your hair

I shall hear the sweet low tone
Of a voice before maknown,
Saying, "This is from me to youFrom me, and to you alone."

And in words not idle and van I shall answer, and thank you Por the gift, and the grace o O, beautiful Helen of Maine!

As a drop of the dru of your you On the braces of an aged tree.

EDUCATIONAL NOTES

COMMUNICATIONS FOR THIS DEPARTMENT MAY BE ADDRESSED TO B. F. KELLEY, 205 or BRIEF FRUCATIONAL ITEMS SOLICITED.

Two young men have been sent out by King Kalakana to Germany for payal and military education.

The number of optic nerve fibres is 437,000, ad of retinal cones in each human eye 3,360,

The Siberian University is rapidly becoming established. The Russian government, before the foundation stone was bid, had expended \$355,000. A library of \$5,000 volumes has already been rullerted.

The State of New Jersey offers the sun The State of New Jersey offers the sum o twenty dollars to every one of her free public schools, with which to start a library, provide, the district ruses as much more. Ten dollars is added yearly, upon the same conditions.

Of the colleges in this country pinety pro-nonnee Latin according to the English neethed, seventy has follow the Continental method, and seventy-two have adopted the Roman or Latin

method According to the recent investigation erman scientist, the percentage of pupils According to the recent investigation or a ferman scientist, the percentage of pupils who are mean-sighted increases with alarming rapid-ity as the pupils sucrease in age. The percent-age of pupils at 4x yours of age, found to be non-sighted, sea 11 per cent, while at twenty-tion of the pupils of the pupils of the pupils of the found to be afflicted in the number.

The year 1881 will be a mathematical curios sty. From right to left and from left to right is will read the same. 18 divided by 2 gives 9; 81 divided by 9 gives 9. If 81 be divided by 9 gives 9. If 81 be divided by 9 gives 9. contain a 9; if multiplied by untains two nines. If the 18 quantity who common is 24. It multipliers by 3, the product contains two mines. If the 18 he placed winder the 84 and added, the sum is 39, it the figures be add of thins, 1, 8, 8, 1, 1 w will give 18, and 18 to two minths of 84. By adding dividing, and multiplisting, numeteen mines are produced, being one of or every year needed to complete the connex

complete the α -mary, Lata Yelona, A.o.—There are seventiern dif-berent school agas in the States and Tervinories, IT years being the buggest probability and 6 years the IT years being the buggest probability and 6 years the admitted to the public schools in any State is 4 years. In mine States the school aga is 5.621 and in each States 5.21. Massachuserts reports are made in the state of perilation of school we emailed in the state of perilation of school event more than the whole number between 2 and 15 years of age, and also the highest pro-cedure of average duly attendance, viz. $(7.5-M_{\odot})$

The following rather curious piece of con-The tollawing rather emissis, piece of composition was executly placed upon the blacks board at a teachers' inclinate in Vermour, and a prize of a Webster's between you derest to any person who could read it and protonome every word currently. The bank was not curried of a webster in the lowest number of nistokes in promote of the state of the protonome of the Malayor Camassian race. The accordingly purchased a callupse and corral newhere of the appropriate protonome of the pro the most unexceptional caligraphy extant, inviting the young lady to a mattice. She revoltes at the idea, refused to control thereaft series at the idea, refused to control thereaft series have to be in the invited to the idea; and search procedure of refused, no receiving which he procedure carbon man bowie kink, said that be only a carbon and bowie kink, said that be upon, we true and bowie kink, said that be upon a very many of the procedure the most unexceptional caligraphy extant, invit She revolted The debris were removed by the domen.

Seminaries for the training of teachers have existed in Prussia for nearly 200 years,

W. H. Wells, anthor, and ex-Superintendent of Public Schools of Chicago, has a collection of English grammars, by various authors, number-ing over ninc hundred, and has learned the titles of about four hundred others which he is desi-rous of obtaining.

Can you, dear reader, interview Webster or Worcester in regard to the promunciation of efsquette, subsidences, precedence, commandant, vagary or extant, and not meet with one or more surprises.

In nothing is illiteracy shown more easily and In nothing is illiteracy shown more easily and convincingly than in incorrect orthography; and yet we frequently condemn persons unjuely who inadverteniy fall into errors of this character from reading the works of such writers as Jose Billings, Petroleom V. Nashy or Artenus Word. The writer of this confesses to the base of a prize The writer of this confesse to the loss of a price at a competitive examination, in onesequence of spelling the name Artenas was, the money control of spelling the name Artenas was, the Blook." And another great man of similarly ripe schoolarship, it is the control of the spelling the property of the property of the property of the flower of the property of the throughout the property of the property of the property of the throughout the property of the p this manner of spelling prevails.

Queen Victoria recently presented to the Pres ident of the United States a massive and magni ficent writing-desk made from timbers of he Majesty's ship Resolute.

At the dedication of the new Pardee Hall at At the dedication of the new Parslee Hall at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., there were pres-ent the President of the United States, a portion of his Cabinet, and the General of the Army The prosperity of this college is largely owing to its president, Dr. Cattell.

The College for Working-women in Lo

EDUCATIONAL FANCIES

The Sophomore class of one of our college-

Little boy at the opening of a proping match: "Lets start fair, gran ling match: "Lets start fair, grandmot you take Nebuchadnezzar, and I'll take cat."

Instructor-Cite some of the refer Casar's times," Student hesitates, and his next neighbor suggests, quite andibly, "Though lost to cite, to memory dear"—Echo.

Teacher-" Suppose that you have two sticks reamer—"Suppose that you have two steeks of eardy, and your hig brother gives you two more, how many have you got then?" Little how, (shaking his head)—"You don't know him; he nin't that kind of a boy,"

A college is a place where a young man is kept during the period he is sowing his will outs, and thus relieves his family of the namoy ance of laving him about —Boston Post

"Speaking of the dead languages, Professor," impured the new student, "who killed them?" It is supposed that they were killed by being studied too much.

Freshman in (Algebra), while the proeresuman in (Algebra), while the professor's back is turned (in a whisper). "Say, how do you get that quantity out from under the radi-cal?" Another freshman, (consollingly), "Rub-it out."

gard, who was once, for a great wonder, promptly in his place at morning prayers, and at the ap-pointed time: "I have marked you, sit, as punctual this morning. What is some excuses" "S.s.ick, sir, and couldn't sleep," was the reply

"In what condition was the patriarch Job at he end of his life? "asked a Brooklyn Sunday shoul teacher of a quiet-hooking boy at the foot the class "bead," culmly replied the boy.— Burlington Hawkeye

We ought to spell the word potato "Ghough We ought to spen one ways positive path of the following rule. Other stands for p, as you'll find from the last letters in literough; mgh stands for n, as in decouple, pdh stands for t, as in phthists, righ stands for a as in neighbor; and cau stands for a

ene between Professor and Freshin seene between Protessor and Freshman. How dare you swen before me, shi" Fresh, trimmphantiy) "How did I know you wanted to wear first," After the scene that enemed, the freshman gathered himself up and silently stole way,—Amberst Student,

Letter to a teacher.-Miss O .occurrence in tracther; —Mrs Q. — Bou't breach my box no more something of his a b his Till bearn him that at home. And don't waste your time over the jim actices—he gits end of them over the back gate. You have too much hodin goint on I'm afend your skolars dont learn much, his mother mis M—

One of our State exchanges speaks of "the

present corpse of teachers." This is too grave a subject for levity, or we should be tempted to perpetrate a wicked joke at their expense.— Normal Monthly. The undertaker of that wittieism better try again.—Teachers' Guide.

"Chawles," languilly drawled Josephine, "Chawles," languilly drawled Josephine, looking up from her hook, "I see one of the studies at West Point is trigonometry. With is trigonometry anyhow?" "Trigonometry, replied Charles, toring with a invalid mus-tache, "a-a-is the svience of pulling trigger, of curse." I thought so, "said Josephine, re-suming her novel.—Norristonn Heraid.

Richard Grant White has a long article in the December North American Review Callel "The Tublic School Fallare," It is supposed the article was suggested by hearing a filteen year-old pupil say to another, in Font of a confectioner's window, "Say, Joe, them there eakes looks pretty serromptones, don't they?" and his companion replying, "You hetcher books," if Richard Grant White has a long article in the panion replying, "You betcher boots." I by doesn't talk like a first-class grammar Grant thinks the public schools are a fail -Norvistown Herald.

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There was a brave soldier, a Gel Who swore in a way most infolo Bitt he never once thought, As a Christian man ought, Be imperiited his own hie ctole — Sten

Twas the fault of his father patolone. That during his youth bright and voic This Colonel so Fair, Hall learned so to swear, And saddened his mother nustrionel.

"Siyi' axo "Sir."—Many of the agricultural journals are surely troubled to know a whether a hear side was star as six. If some elector of denirly would set a hen on the mest, and the elfforts would let he six, it would be well for the world. Now a nam, or woman, either can set a hen, although they cannot sit her; neither can they set on her, although they all the might sit on although they cannot sit her; neither can they set on her, although they all the might sit on containing a set of the set of th

Bad Penmanship.

ge sitor a reserve totter teland necessary branches of education; yet, it is one, most painfully neglected, even by our h knows educators, as well as our profoundest scholars The atrocions permanship of the late Dr. Greley, for many years the most brilliant editorof the United States, will probably remain the tience of disparaging comment as long will be recollection of that good man. His writig served the purpose of many a practical joke, some of which, perhaps, might bear repeatig. One one occasion, having become disguste with the continued blunders of a c posite, he wrote an order for his dismissal, which is said the compositor used for years afterwids as a testimonial of his splendid ability, backs. On another occasion, he wrote a long leer to a certain government official giving his opion, as he was in the habit of doing, That gellengin, after wrestling for several days over thmanuscript, found that he had got u bottomide up; he then called in experts from the varies departments, who were utterly unable He then enclosed the manuscript to decite it to a trieb in New York, with a request that he call pet-ally at the Tribune office, and get an interpredict, which he was requested to write out and award. The New-Yorker called at the Tribe office in due time, and was shown to Greele other. Upon presenting the manu-script for terpretation, Mr. Greeley could not himself of it. It was a conceiled fact by tirceles hadras well as all who were acquainted with him, at he made the procest manuscript of any poir of his day. Some persons have even clain that poor pennanship was a mark of genius, I cited Greeley and other noted men who were I penmen as proof of this absurd assertion, pon the same hypothesis, it could t some of our greatest statesmen who were unkable for their fine talents, but were greatunkards, were geniuses because they had tecrentric habit of getting tipsy. Bad pennaip is a mark of a sloven and inc cusable shimness, and it is a grand mistake for any perto attribute to any one an extraordinary acut of ability on account of his bad writing. It were to try to convince one of our sensibleclamies, that a very poor workman was a us, we certainly would be laughed at for our p. We believe, then, that whoever

for that matter, should observe this time-honored motto, "Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doiog well."

Handwriting and Character,

ARRAWITCHING AND CHARACCET.
You never take a pen in hand but you are showing something of your own character. The very style of handwriting is an element in the determination of character. The way in which a man dealine of a latter is very much the a man dealine of the latter in the control of the control writing. Without professing to be experts, like Messrs, Chabot and Nethercifit, we can certainly gather a general idea of character from the handwriting. A minister was commenting on a handwriting. A minister was commenting on a second control of the control of

Pitt's Precocity.

William Pitt was born on the 28th of May, William Pitt was born on the 28th of May, 1759. He was the second son of that William Pitt, first Earl of Chathan, who, as the great Commoner, had ruled the Hones of Commons with an iron sway such as its members had with an iron sway such as its members had with an iron sway such as its members had before experienced, and who, as First Minister of the sway o never before experienced, and was an experience of the Crown, had made the name of England feared in both hemispheres as she had never before been feared or has never scheece of the Control of the Cont of the chamber, keenly watched how every argument could be met and refuted, was no ordinary character, and Fox admitted that he was amely struck by the novelty of the circumstance, — Temple Bar.

according to the robe of Herol, putting in some teeth, and fixing his side, for having lengthened the tail of the deg of Tobias and fixed a string to his taveling bag, \$2.00; for having cleaned the east of the res of Balbana and shired it, \$2.00; for having painted and shaded the Ark of Noah, \$4.75.

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Habit and Personal Identity in Handwriting

Divilen says:

Habits gather by unseen degrees As brooks make rivers, rivers run to seas "

Wellington observes that "Habt is to a times nature"

The imperative force of habit is manifest in all the social and industrial conditions and relations of life, extending to the minutest details of bu man thought and action. It is observed in the alutation, shake of the hand, the artisan's skill the training of oratory and music. formed from a long and frequent repetition, h come, as it were, a part of the individual and cannot be at once abandoned or avoided. Probably there is nothing in which this is more manifestly a fact than in a persons handwriting. Writing being a complicated mechanical structure, acquired at first by study and practice, and subsequently modified and individualized by long practice, presents a combination of the hubit of thought and mechanical effort, more comdex and full of habitual detail than any other housen sensyemetel

The handwriting of different individuals differs in appearance and characteristics as widely a the physicanous, style of dress and general personal appearance of the writers, and the writines are as certainly dis urguishable from each er as are the writers

It sometimes happens that in general annearance different handwritings, as do different persons, have a marked re-emblance to each other, in which case neistaken identity is liable; in the handwriting, except by persons familiar withit or those who make a careful scientific examination, and of the persons except by intimate acquaint-

anecs. In cases where persons of nearly equal skill, have learned to write by practicing from the same copies and who bave not subsequently changed their hands by practicing under widely different circumstances; there may not be the very nurked distinguishing characteristics or personality common to handwriting.

It is the peculiar eccentricities of habit in writing as it is the figure, dress, &c. in persons which readily and certainly determines their identity. A person of medium size, having regular features, without excentricity of habit or dress makes no marked impression and is not readily identified, while a dwarf, cripple, giant, or person exceptional in dress or pecuhar in habit challenges attention, and is recognized on easnal acquaintance or even at sight. Sc, different writings consisting of regularly formed letters combined and shaded according to some standand system, are liable to have many coincidences of form and apparent habit, which renders their indentity, when questioned, difficult and some times uncertain.

The following is a sperimen of writing a highly characteristic and of the style in which coincidences would be frequent

He is the wisest man Who is not wise at all

The following is a specimen of writing considerably eccentric and in which coincidences

He is the wisest maio · Yldringtwiedatalb

Persons are never so identical in form features, dress, habit &c., as to be mistak en by intimate acquaintances, and usually where a strong personal resemblance is apparent to strangers, it ceases to be so muon a more intimate acquaintance. So, two different handwrite ings of nearly equal size, uniform slope, shade, &c. may as a whole, or in its pictorial effect, pre sent to the eye of a novice or casual observer. much the same appearance, yet to one familiar with them or to in expert examiner, they would

he without characteristic resemblence.
The handwriting of every adult most inevita bly have multitudinous distinctive and habitual peculiarities, of which the writer is more or leunconscious; such as initial and terminal line forms of letters, their relative proportions, cor notions, turns, angles, spacing, slope shading (in place and degree), crosses, dots, orthography punctuation, &c., &c. These peculiarities b habitual, and mainly unconscious, cannot b successfully avoided or simulated through any extended piece of writing. No writer can avoid that of which he is not conscious, nor can uncopylet take cognizance of and successfully re produce these multitudinous habitual peculiar ties, and at the same time avoid his own habit A writer may with the atmost case, entirel change the general appearance of his writing this may be done by a change of slope, size, by using a widely different pen, yet in spite all effort his unconscious writing habit will a main and be perceptible in all the details of b writing; such an effort to disguise ones writig could be scarcely more successful than woulds a disguise of the person to avoid recognition.

Puck and Business Colleges.

In a recent issue Puck, to use a comparlance, just went for Business Colleges, cre terizing them as humburgs of the worst it. and their graduates as being interior to asof an ordinary public school, even charging at in most instances young men suffered poly inimy rather than deriving advantage on pursuing a course of study in one of their stitutions. It is not our wish or purpo to become the special champion of Businesolleges or of any special education, but from long and close observation of Business Ogo work and the advantages which have read to young men, and ladies too, who havenen graduates of these institutions, we are need to denounce Puck's sweeping charges as no unjust and nowaeranted.

That there have been so-called Businelolleges, and college professors which werems and frauds we would not deny, nor could of Puck deny a similar charge if made us ome of the so-called institutes, academiemipacks and some other institutions digni by the titles of university and college, the is are meritorious or otherwise precisely hey of Columbia.

are conducted, by bonest intelligence or knavish gnoracee, and we have no reason to believe that all the knaves who profess to teach, are confined to business colleges.

As regards the practical utility of such a course of training as is given in a really firstclass Business College there is no more ground to doubt than there is regarding all schools for special education. Few persons would question the value of a course of military training for a soldier, or of medicine, law, theology, or engineering, &c., to their respective practinoners. The science of accounts, the art of penmanship and a general knowledge of the forms and customs of business are just as much a matter for special study and teaching as are any of the above named specialties and are more generally useful than any of them, since to a weater or less degree those branches are called into use in every other profession and pursuit

According to Puck no business man e to entrust a Business College graduate with the kerping of a set of books. To our knowledge many have done so, and as they have found safely, and, we have not the slightest doubt, that there are quite as many business mer who would trust a Business College graduate to keep their books, as there are who would entrust themselves or friends if sick, in the hands of a freshly graduated medical student or their legal affairs to the recent graduate of a law school. As a matter of fact, in all these cases the experienced and tried practitioner is to be preferred; the Business College graduate must no more prove his fitness and ability to fill a position of trust and responsibility than the graduates of any other institution. All in a certain sense must serve a routine of practic and gain promotion or place as they prove their Each will have a broader and more comprehensive understanding of their profession from having pursued a special course of study and training. This is as true of the Business College graduate as of any other,

In our opinion the day when the utility of necial schools for business training can be any ore questioned than any other class institution has long since passed, and, although, as a rule, Puck is well up with the times, on the Busines - 4 - - - dala twenty-five years behind the age.

A World's Fair in 1883.

The World's Fair to be beld in New York, 1883, on the centennial anniver-ary of the signing of a treaty of peace by Great Britain, is now promising for success

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The Census of 1880

gives the population of the United States at 50,152,551, an increase of meanly 12,000,000. The Business of the New York Post. in ten years. The five largest States in their order are New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illi nois and Missouri; the five largest cities, New York, which has 1,206,590; Philadelphia, 846. 984; Brooklyn, 506,689; Chicago, 503,304; Bos ton, 362,535. The population of New York City alone exceeds the entire aggregate popul lation of the five States of New Hampshire Vermout, Rhode Island, Nevada and Oregon; and, should we add to its population that Brooklyn, Jersey City, Hoboken and orbsuburbs, which are really a part of New York, we have a population of over 2,000,000; to equal which would require the additional States that each of any of the above named instons of Delaware, Colorado, Florida, and the District

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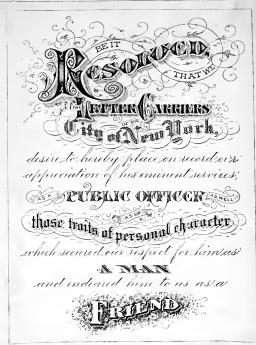
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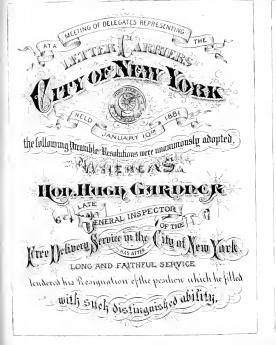
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